

MINUTES OF THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 9, 2003

The City of Leesburg Commission held a regular meeting Monday, June 9, 2003, in the Commission Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. with the following members present:

Commissioner David Knowles
Commissioner Bob Lovell
Commissioner Ben Perry
Commissioner Lewis Puckett
Mayor David Connelly

Also present were City Manager (CM) Ron Stock, Acting City Clerk (ACC) Betty Richardson, City Attorney (CA) Fred Morrison, Deputy City Clerk (DCC) Diane Gibson Smith, the news media, and others.

Commissioner Lovell gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**APPROVED CITY COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD
MAY 27, 2003**

Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the City Commission minutes of the regular meeting held May 27, 2003. Commissioner Knowles seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PRESENTED SERVICE AWARDS

Director of Electric and Gas Lloyd Shank presented service awards to Larry Mantor for 25 years in the Gas Department, Greg David for 15 years in the Electric Department, and Sammie Fillmore of the Electric Department for 15 years of service.

**PRESENTATION BY LAKE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ASSISTANT
SUPERINTENDENT JIM POLK**

Jim Polk, Lake County School Board Assistant Superintendent, stated the Lake County School Board (LCSB) is planning improvements to schools in Leesburg. LCSB is appreciative of CM Stock and his staff's effort in helping plan these improvements. Mr. Polk stated the purpose of tonight's presentation is to discuss the projects and to request fee waivers.

Mr. Polk noted there are four major projects to be started. They are:

1. Renovation of LHS - a \$33 million, 2-year project to be phased in.
2. New elementary school on Oak Park site – due for completion in time for next school year (2004/05). Rimes, Skeen and Dabney elementary schools will be closing. Rimes will convert to a pre-k literacy center, teacher-training site, and literacy center for adults. Skeen will become part of the high school.
3. Beverly Shores Elementary School – construction will include a 16-classroom wing, a new administrative facility, and a new lunchroom.
4. Architectural work and master planning for Carver Middle School - \$11M or more renovation.

Ray Rodriguez of the Harvard Jolly Architectural firm, reviewed the planned renovation of Leesburg High School. He stated plans include a new cafeteria, new classroom buildings, and a

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new gymnasium with 1200-seat capacity. A request to close part of Moss Street will be made and the school traffic pattern will be changed. Overall, the current style of the High School will be maintained. Mr. Polk added Skeen Elementary buildings will be maintained through construction.

Max Snyder, BRPH Architectural firm, reviewed Elementary School G on the Oak Park Site. He stated School G is proposed near the existing ball fields and parking for Oak Park Middle School. There will be six buildings for the new elementary school with a total capacity of 900 students. Mitigation of the traffic issues is occurring. Parent will use Lucas and Neely Streets for student pick-up. There will be minimal foot traffic on those streets.

Commissioner Knowles questioned if Lone Oak Drive is being considered to get traffic off SR44. Mr. Polk stated Lone Oak Drive is one of the options being reviewed.

Dorothy Menacho, a concerned citizen, questioned if there may be contamination from the landfill as playgrounds are being planned close to the old landfill site. CM Stock stated the City is required to monitor the old landfill site to ensure no contamination occurs. Since its closure, no contamination has been found.

Bill Polk, business owner and citizen, questioned who will pay for the renovations to Lucas and Neely Streets and asked if there will be sidewalks on those streets. CM Stock stated there has been no discussion about off-site costs. The City has requested a traffic study. The City is looking at how those streets are currently used and if traffic congestion will be a problem.

Mr. Snyder reviewed the plans for the Beverly Shores Elementary. He noted the plan is to demolish the Administration building and the Food Service building and then to construct two new buildings in the front with a breezeway in between. A new Food Service building with parking out front for public use at night, etc. will be built on the south side.

Mr. Polk stated architectural work on Carver Middle School will begin this year and construction will start in 12 to 15 months.

John Christian, Community Development Corporation (CDC), questioned what the recommendations are for Dabney Elementary School. Mr. Polk stated the School Board has agreed to give a portion of the property to the CDC, but nothing has been decided on the remainder of the property. The County needs to make the determination. The County may decide to sell the property to the City. If it is to be sold to anyone other than the City, the property will need to go to auction if the appraised value is over \$100,000 and be sold via bid.

John Christian stated he would like the City to work with the CDC and possibly give the property back to the people.

Commissioner Perry questioned what use will the CDC have for the property. Mr. Christianson stated the CDC is having a market study report done which should be finished by August on usage for this site. He wants it on public record that the CDC is very interested in this site.

Mr. Polk stated the Lee Opportunity School will probably not be used after the renovations at the High School are finished. It is too premature to make a determination on the usage.

CM Stock stated there has been a great deal of cooperation by the schools in planning for the renovations. Mr. Stock thanked Mr. Polk for the effort he has made.

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Commissioner Lovell left the room at 6:14 and returned at 6:16.

Mr. Polk stated the second reason for this presentation is to request a waiver of the electrical fees for the renovations.

CM Stock stated the City has received the request to vacate Moss Street. The City is waiting for additional information from LCSB, but Staff is expected to recommend the vacation. In regards to the electrical fees waiver request, it is reasonable for the City to find some compromise as cost for the transformers and installation is approximately \$194,131. In the past, the City has waived fees for the Lake County School System. The City will support a compromise on the fees and will reduce them or waive them entirely. Staff has not explored all the issues related to John Christian's request and Mr. Stock would like to wait until the City has some idea on uses.

Commissioner Perry stated the LCSB should pay for the transformers and the City pay for installation in order to be consistent with what was done at Lake Sumter. CM Stock noted in previous construction, the City has waived all the fees for Lake County School Board construction.

Commissioner Perry moved to have the LCSB pay for the transformers and have the City pick up the installation.

Commissioner Lovell noted this needs to be studied before a decision can be made. Mayor Connelly agreed.

Commissioner Knowles seconded the motion. He agreed the LCSB needs to go back and make some decisions. He stated he would like the City to take a small step forward.

Mayor Connelly stated the same adjustments should be made each time a request for the same service is brought in front of the Commission. He will approve with this stipulation

Jim Polk stated the LCSB has really scraped the bottom of the barrel to make these plans. He noted they would appreciate as much consideration as possible.

Commissioner Lovell moved to amend the motion and have the City pay for the full amount of the fees. Commissioner Knowles seconded the amendment to the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Lovell	Yea
Commissioner Perry	No
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Mayor Connelly	Yea, with stipulations

Four yeas, one nay, the Commission agreed to amend the motion.

The roll call vote for the amended motion was:

Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Commissioner Lovell	Yea
Commissioner Perry	No

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Commissioner Puckett
Mayor Connelly

Yea
Yea, with stipulations

Four yeas, one nay, the Commission agreed to waive the entire electrical fees for the LCSB.

PRESENTATION ON MAGNOLIA STREET EXTENSION BY DEPUTY CITY MANAGER ROBERT JOHNSON

DCM Johnson reviewed the proposed Magnolia Street extension from the Mote Morris House to the High School. In all, there are five property owners. DCM Johnson noted he has had successful discussions with four of the five property owners. The only one he has not reached is Christian Missionary Alliance Church. The others are willing to work with the City.

DCM Johnson requested approval to obtain appraisals of all the properties on a square footage basis.

Commissioner Lovell moved to obtain the appraisals. Commissioner Puckett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS:

1. ACC Richardson proclaimed the election and qualifying dates for City Commission District 2, Seat 2 by reading the proclamation in its entirety.
2. Mayor Connelly proclaimed June 14, 2003, as U. S. Army Day by reading the proclamation in its entirety.

Mayor Connelly suggested the City Manager item be discussed next. All agreed.

AUTHORIZED FOR STAFF TO NEGOTIATE POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF SILVER LAKE COUNTRY CLUB

CM Stock said Silver Lake Country Club Board of Directors has approached the City to consider purchasing the Silver Lake Country Club in order to preserve the open space and recreational use. CM Stock has completed a feasibility report which states the outstanding debt of the Country Club is around \$1.5M - \$1.7M. The City may be able to purchase the Club for the outstanding debt amount. CM Stock is requesting authorization to negotiate the purchase. If staff is authorized to do so and the Silver Lake Country Club Board of Directors agree, then a serious proposal will be made. CM Stock said Commissioner Puckett earlier stated cities are not good operators of restaurants and bars, so perhaps a public/private partnership should be considered.

Commissioner Puckett stated CM Stock is only asking for an opportunity to explore the idea. Of the 30 courses in Lake County, all are subsidized by some housing or building facility. Commissioner Puckett does not feel purchasing the Country Club for \$1.5 - \$1.7M is a good deal for taxpayers. Ninety-eight percent of the people in Leesburg do not play golf.

Commissioner Lovell noted the Silver Lake Country Club is an integral part of the community as it is a utility user and supporter of the City's finances. What happens around Silver Lake has a great affect on the City of Leesburg. Commissioner Lovell would not like to see anything detrimental happened to that area and would like the City to come into something good –

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recreational and financial. The City should look into this to see what can be worked out. A private/public partnership may be able to bring in some conventions that would be beneficial to the City.

Commissioner Knowles stated it is too early to begin some of these discussions. If the people of Silver Lake and the people of Leesburg do not want this, then the City should not do this. If the City does make this purchase, the membership and look will change. The City currently loses money with its soccer, little league, tennis, and softball. Unless the City can find a private partner, then purchasing the County Club is not a viable option. The City needs to stipulate the project last for "x" amount of time.

Commissioner Lovell moved to do the feasibility study. Commissioner Knowles seconded the motion and stated he reserves the right to vote against this later.

CM Stock noted the feasibility study is complete. Staff is requesting to go back to negotiate a purchase proposal.

Commissioner Lovell moved the allow staff to move ahead with negotiations, if agreed to by the Board of Directors of the Country Club. Commissioner Knowles seconded the motion.

Commissioner Perry stated there are two main questions. 1) Is there a public need not being met; and 2) Is the funding available. He noted he is stuck on question 1. There are 35 to 40 golf courses accessible in Lake County. There is no reason for the City to do this.

Commissioner Lovell said there is a public need. Silver Lake is an integral part of the community. The City will increase its net worth considerably by doing this.

Mayor Connelly questioned what would happen if the property did go into bankruptcy and if anyone else had expressed interest in purchasing.

CM Stock stated there are two types of bankruptcies one of which involves reorganization where the debtor retains possession to try to turn the business around. The Silver Lake Country Club probably would not be able to do this. The second and more probable type is liquidation. In this type, the assets would be sold and the funds used to pay off the debt. There is no viable buyer out there currently who wants to retain the property for the purpose of recreation.

Commissioner Perry stated the purchase of this property for \$1.7M is just "getting the foot in the door" as projections are \$300 to \$400 thousand per year to turn this around. The City will need to close quickly on this property, so this will bump something off the current Capital Plan List.

CM Stock stated if the City operates this without partner, it would lose about \$320,000/year. The City can operate the golf side on a break-even or nearly break-even basis. The cost could be cut down by \$117,000 by not putting funds into the depreciation fund for the Community Building.

Bill Polk, resident of Leesburg, stated he has been listening to the numbers, and wonders why the City is talking to the Country Club at all. He feels Leesburg does not need to take a major loss right now. Expanding the Community Building makes more sense.

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Don Lukich, a businessman and member of Silver Lake Country Club in the past 15 years, stated the course is antiquated and does not match the competition. It is an 85-year old golf course which cannot be improved. The City should not put any money into this.

Philip Braun, member of the Board of Directors of Silver Lake Country Club, stated the City of Leesburg itself does not have a golf course. This is a reasonable price compared to trying to build one. The golf course already makes a small profit. This is worth looking into further as the City will gain some youth golf programs.

Charles Lloyd, an 18-year club member, agreed the course is antiquated however, he noted very few people break par when they play the course. He stated he has promoted junior golf for a number of years.

Bill Floyd, Jr. stated if only 2% people play golf, the City needs to finish Susan Street and Sleepy Hollow rather than looking into this venture. Our kids need to be taken care of first.

Howard Welchel, a homeowner in area, stated there has been much emphasis on the golf course, but there is much more there than golf involved. He does not want to see home values go down.

Mayor Connelly stated he has several issues of concern. He has received many calls regarding the effect this would have on current projects and the impact on the fiscal stability of the City. Mayor Connelly asked what projects would be cut if this was purchased.

CM Stock stated the purchase price would need to be known first. The one-penny sales tax revenue would be used for this purchase. The City does not have the money in the revenue fund currently and thus would need to borrow to buy this property and then pay the debt off over the next fifteen years. There would be some delay of capital projects, but not the Sleepy Hollow or Susan Street projects.

Mayor Connelly noted he will ask that similar requests be treated the same way.

CM Stock restated the motion on the table as directing staff to begin negotiations with Silver Lake Country Club for the possible purchase.

The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Perry	No
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Commissioner Lovell	Yea
Mayor Connelly	Yea, with stipulations

Four yeas, one nay, the Commission agreed to direct staff to begin negotiations with the Silver Lake Country Club for possible purchase.

Mayor Connelly declared a 5-minute break at 7:30 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Knowles moved to adopt the consent agenda and Commissioner Lovell seconded the motion. The roll call vote was:

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Commissioner Lovell	Yea
Commissioner Perry	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Mayor Connelly	Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the consent agenda, as follows:

PURCHASING ITEMS:

1. 03-FB-41 Roof coating and repairs at Fire Station No. 1 awarded to Southern Roofing Company for \$6,975.00
2. 03-FB-45 Annual bid for Gas Distribution products awarded to various vendors for \$35,585.68
3. 03-FB-49 Communications console furniture for the Police Dept. awarded to Ergoflex Systems, Inc. for \$36,359.95.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 6808

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement between the City of Leesburg and Southern Roofing Company for roof coating and repairs at Fire Station #1 for \$6,975.00, pursuant to Bid #03-FB-41, and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 6809

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement between the City of Leesburg and Ergoflex Systems, Inc. d/b/a XYBIX Systems, Inc. for installation of the communications console furniture at the Police Department for \$36,395.59 pursuant to Bid #03-FB-49; and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 6810

A resolution by the City of Leesburg, Lake County, Florida, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement with the School Board of Lake County, Florida to provide for a dark fiber lease; and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 6811

A resolution by the City of Leesburg, Lake County, Florida, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement with the School Board of Lake County, Florida to provide for data transport and communications services; and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 6812

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement between the City of Leesburg and Florida League of Cities in partnership with Unisource Administrators to provide managed care, claims administration, loss control and general administrative services under the City's Workers' Compensation program; and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 6813

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the third amendment to the interlocal agreement between the City of

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Leesburg and Lake County relating to provision of Library Service for reciprocal borrowers from Lake Sumter Community College; and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 6814

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing the City Manager to execute an engagement letter between the City of Leesburg and Fowler White Boggs Banker; and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 6815

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement between the City of Leesburg and Hartman and Associates, Inc. for professional engineering services; and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 6816

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, indicating their intent to revise the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Comprehensive Plan during the second cycle 2003 as requested by City staff and Lake County; and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 6817

A resolution of the City of Leesburg, Florida, authorizing the implementation of the Leesburg Neighborhood Beautification grant program; and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 6818

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, approving the United States Department of Agriculture Resolution #1942-G for funding consideration for the Leesburg Business and Technology Center/Incubator; and providing an effective date.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ADOPTED ORDINANCE 03-56 AMENDING SECTION 14-36 PARAGRAPH XI OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES; CREATING SECTION 7-169 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO PERIODIC HOUSING INSPECTIONS

ACC Richardson read the ordinance by title only, as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, amending §14-36 paragraph XI of the Code of Ordinance pertaining to occupational licenses; creating §7-169 of the Code of Ordinances, pertaining to periodic housing inspections; establishing a procedure whereby rental housing receives periodic inspections to assure compliance with the standard housing code; imposing a fee to be paid by property owners to defray the cost of administration, permitting the inspection fee to be adjusted by resolution of the City Commission; providing for penalties; establishing a notice and enforcement procedure; repealing conflicting ordinances; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Perry moved to adopt the ordinance and Commissioner Knowles seconded the motion. The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Knowles

Yea

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Commissioner Perry	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Lovell	Yea
Mayor Connelly	Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the ordinance.

ADOPTED ORDINANCE 03-57 AMENDING AND RESTATING THE CITY'S RETIREMENT PLAN FOR THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES

ACC Richardson read the ordinance by title only, as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, amending and restating the retirement plan for the general employees for the City of Leesburg, adopted pursuant to Ordinance No. 91-32, as subsequently amended; providing for definitions; providing for membership; providing for a Board of Trustees; providing for finances and fund management; providing for contributions; providing for benefit amounts and eligibility; providing for pre-retirement death benefits; providing for disability benefits; providing for vesting of benefits; providing optional forms of benefits; providing for beneficiaries; providing claims procedures; providing for a roster of retirees; providing for a maximum pension limitation; providing for distribution of benefits; providing miscellaneous provisions; providing for repeal or termination of the system; providing for exemption from execution and non-assignability; providing for pension validity; providing for forfeiture of pension under certain circumstances; providing for indemnification and defense of claims; providing for direct transfers of eligible rollover distributions; providing for the purchase of credited service for absences pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act; providing for credited service for separations from employment for military service; providing for the purchase of credited service for prior government service; providing for purchase of credit for military service prior to employment; providing for reemployment after retirement; providing for codification; providing for severability of provisions; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Lovell moved to adopt the ordinance and Commissioner Knowles seconded the motion.

CM Stock stated a page change in this ordinance was distributed Friday. He has since learned the change he made could mean an additional cost. Thus, the page change is withdrawn and the ordinance stands as it was distributed on Wednesday.

Commissioner Perry stated he will vote against this amendment to the plan as he believes the opt-out provision for department heads will reduce the number of years department heads stay with the City.

The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Commissioner Lovell	Yea
Commissioner Perry	No

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Mayor Connelly

Yea

Four yeas, one nay, the Commission adopted the ordinance.

ADOPTED ORDINANCE 03-58 AMENDING SECTION 11-29 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO SOLID WASTE RATES FOR CARDBOARD RECYCLING PROGRAM

ACC Richardson read the ordinance by title only, as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, amending §11-29 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to solid waste collection; authorizing collection of recycled cardboard; providing for establishment of rates and charges for collection of recycled cardboard by way of resolution; changing the manner in which service charges are prorated for service periods of less than a full billing cycle, to provide for proration of charges on a daily basis; repealing conflicting ordinances; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Perry moved to adopt the ordinance and Commissioner Lovell seconded the motion. The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Perry	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Commissioner Lovell	Yea
Mayor Connelly	Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the ordinance.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 6819 AMENDING THE RATE SCHEDULE FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTIONS AND RELATED SERVICES

Commissioner Perry introduced the resolution to be read, by title only. ACC Richardson read the resolution as follows:

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, amending the rate schedule for solid waste collection and related services; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Perry moved to adopt the ordinance and Commissioner Lovell seconded the motion. The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Lovell	Yea
Commissioner Perry	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea

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Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Mayor Connelly	Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the ordinance.

ADOPTED ORDINANCE 03-59 ACCEPTING AN UTILITY EASEMENT FROM LAKE-SUMTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE, IN SECTION 22-19-25

ACC Richardson read the ordinance by title only, as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, accepting a utility easement from Lake-Sumter Community College, as grantor, to the City of Leesburg, as grantee, pertaining to land located in Section 22, Township 19, south, Range 25 east, Lake County, Florida; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Knowles moved to adopt the ordinance and Commissioner Puckett seconded the motion. The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Commissioner Lovell	Yea
Commissioner Perry	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Mayor Connelly	Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the ordinance.

ADOPTED ORDINANCE 03-60 ACCEPTING AN UTILITY EASEMENT FROM KENNETH AND PATRICIA STARK, IN SECTION 16-19-24

ACC Richardson read the ordinance by title only, as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, accepting a utility easement from Kenneth E. Stark and Patricia D. Stark, as grantor, to the City of Leesburg, as grantee, pertaining to land located in Section 16, Township 19 south, Range 25 east, Lake County, Florida; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Perry moved to adopt the ordinance and Commissioner Knowles seconded the motion. The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Knowles	Yea
Commissioner Lovell	Yea
Commissioner Perry	Yea
Mayor Connelly	Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the ordinance.

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INTRODUCED AN ORDINANCE REZONING APPROXIMATELY 3.7 ACRES NORTH OF CARVER DRIVE, SOUTH OF THE ABANDONED RAILROAD R/W, AND EAST OF THOMAS AVENUE IN SECTION 22-19-24 FROM C-2 TO M-1 (DAMRON & ARCHBOLD, AMERIGAS, AND CHEMTEX PROPERTIES)

Commissioner Lovell introduced the ordinance to be read, by title only. ACC Richardson read the ordinance as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, rezoning approximately 3.7 acres generally located north of Carver Drive, south of the abandoned railroad right-of-way, and east of Thomas Avenue, lying in Section 22, Township 19 south, Range 24 east, Lake County, Florida, from C-2 (Community Commercial) to M-1 (Industrial); and providing an effective date. (Damron and Archbold, Amerigas, and Chemtex properties)

INTRODUCED AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A UTILITY EASEMENT FROM TONY E. CAPER AND JOHNNY N. PRESSLEY, SR., AS TRUSTEES OF MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH FOR LAND IN SECTION 22-19-24

Commissioner Puckett introduced the ordinance to be read, by title only. ACC Richardson read the ordinance as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, accepting a utility easement from Tony E. Caper and Johnny N. Pressley, Sr., as trustees of Mt. Calvary Baptist church, as grantor, to the City of Leesburg, as grantee, pertaining to land located in Section 22, Township 19 south, Range 24 east, Lake County, Florida; and providing an effective date.

PULLED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003 BUDGET FOR THE STORMWATER FUND

This item was pulled from the agenda.

INTRODUCED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003 BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND

Commissioner Puckett introduced the ordinance to be read, by title only. ACC Richardson read the ordinance as follows:

An ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida amending the Fiscal Year 2002-20 budget for the General Fund, and providing an effective date.

INTRODUCED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §2 - 127 AND §2 - 128 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL NON-VOTING REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LAKE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Commissioner Puckett introduced the ordinance to be read, by title only. ACC Richardson read the ordinance as follows:

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An ordinance amending §2-127 and 2-128 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Leesburg, Florida, pertaining to the composition of the Planning and Zoning Commission, to add an additional non-voting representative of the Lake County School Board; waiving attendance and residency requirements for this additional non-voting member; repealing conflicting ordinances; providing an severance clause; and providing an effective date.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS:

1. CA Morrison stated the Commissioners need to sign a certificate regarding the LRMC Bond issue stating they will not gain anything personally from this bond issue.

Commissioner Perry stated he may have a conflict of interest as his company does work for LRMC. CA Morrison stated he will verify whether Commissioner Perry should sign the certificate or abstain.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS:

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Lovell – none

Commissioner Perry – none

Commissioner Puckett – problem with new canals – need to be mowed to waters edge at Venetian Gardens.

Commissioner Knowles – none

Mayor Connelly – good discussion of politics at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Lovell moved to adjourn and Commissioner Knowles seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Acting City Clerk

Diane Gibson Smith
Recorder

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